

## *The Old Paludians Newsletter – March 1999*

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### **\*\*STAFF NEWS\*\***

**Miss G Allen** (1934-39). Still living in Milton-under-Wychwood and sends good wishes for the Reunion.

**Miss M N (Latin) Tucker**. Wrote at Christmas and sent greetings to the Old Paludians. Still living in Resolven in West Glamorgan with her sister-in-law. **Pamela Kilpin** (Brown 1939-47) particularly sends regards to her.

**Miss M L White** (1947-71). Miss White is living permanently at She says that she cannot attend the Reunion in person but will be with us in spirit. Received a letter from the **Pywell twins** at Christmas; they have been nursing in Vancouver for years but were to retire in February on reaching 55. Also had news from **Mrs Fraser (née Slattery - Art mistress)** from Australia. Her husband had died but she manages with the help of students and neighbours. Miss White has made a good recovery from a fall and finds plenty to do in the garden. She walks to the village and attends the Church (the second oldest in England). Also attends an Art group and the Countrywomen's Club as well as various coffee mornings and sales. Loves receiving letters from ex-pupils and staff and sends good wishes to all.

**Miss Phyllis Haywood** (1950-66). Leading a ramble for Amersham Ramblers on Reunion Day. Keeping well and enjoying retirement. In addition to the walks she goes to Art classes and the theatre. Still helps at the Red Cross Luncheon Club and at a Social Club for older people in Chalfont St Peter. Last September was able to spend a few hours with **Miss White** who was 'full of beans' and helping to care for plants both indoors and outdoors. Miss Haywood has also recently met **Miss Sarah Phelps** (domestic science 1950's), **Mrs Rosa Knowles** (German 1950's) and **Mrs Margaret Eason** (also German). Miss Phelps retired to Totnes, Devon where she enjoys walking with her dog and sings with a Choral Society. Last summer Miss Haywood attended a lunch which Mr & Mrs Knowles gave to celebrate the Golden Wedding at Farnham, Surrey. Mrs Eason lives near High Wycombe and was very ill in 1997 but seems much better now, hopes for better weather this year so that she and her husband can make more use of their caravan for holidays.

**Miss Anne Harris** (1961-69). Still does voluntary work at Ditchingham. The nursery for babies and toddlers, for which she does the paperwork and finances, is flourishing and has a long waiting list. Once again the Reunion has clashed with the weekend of Mothering Sunday so cannot attend but sends good wishes, especially to **Miss Saunderson, Miss Rowland, Mrs Boul, Miss Booth and Mrs Purdue**.

**Dr Rachel Gourlay** (1962-67). Attending a day course on Chinese Brush Painting on Reunion Day. Enjoys living in Reading and is continuing with History classes. Last September started German for beginners. During 1998 visited USA, Germany, Poland and France – a house swap with a French family from Montpellier was very successful. Sends good wishes, particularly to **Miss Rowland and Miss Saunderson**.

**Good wishes from:** Miss Allen, Miss G Baker, Mrs Beck, Mrs Benjamin, Miss Booth, Miss J Camp, Mrs Day, Dr Gourlay, Miss Anne Harris, Miss Haywood, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Pritchard, Mrs Purdue, Mrs Sumner, Miss "Latin" Tucker, Miss White, Miss Wykes.

**Hoping to attend the Reunion:** Mrs Betteridge, Mrs Boul, Mrs Cater, Mrs Dibden, Mrs Orchard, Miss Rowland, Miss Saunderson, Miss Shaw.

### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**Mrs Evelyn Boxall:** Although we reported her death in last year's Newsletter further news of her devotion to the School and her work in retirement has come to light for which we thank Mrs Frankl and Miss Saunderson. Mrs Butler taught history in the 60's and 70's and will be remembered especially for her enthusiastic teaching of the subject and the day outings she organised for her classes such as the Churches of North Bucks. She also arranged longer journeys to Bruges, Greece, Italy and even a cruise on S.S. Uganda. Instead of a short rest before the next meal she would say "We've just time to see ..... before we go aboard ship" She had so much energy and interest in all around her. After her retirement she played an active part in voluntary work for Charities and in local affairs in and around Egham.

*Sadly, we have also lost two much loved members of Staff recently; both will be greatly missed by all who*

*knew them.*

**Miss Muriel Anderson** (1940's). Miss Anderson was at the High School during the War where she was a popular teacher of German. Sadly, she died suddenly on 31 December 1998. **Olive Ferguson** (Thomas) particularly remembers her help and kindness.

**Mrs Daphne Delamere** (Cole 1940's). Mrs Delamere also taught at the High School during the War and died shortly after Christmas. She had suffered arthritic problems for years and had endured some unsuccessful operations but remained cheerful and uncomplaining. She was a loyal supporter of the Old Paludians and sent Gwen wonderful letters every year even when it became difficult to write. We all looked forward to her family news and she retained her interest in the School, sending donations to the O.P. funds for various projects. **Dawn Dudbridge** (Smith) was among those who kept in touch with her.

## **\*\* 1920s\*\***

**Bob Sands** (1923-28). Has been a member of Slough Rotary Club since 1960 and was interested to learn that his old Headmaster, Mr Clarke, was one of the founder members in 1932, becoming its second President 1934/35. When Bob became president in 1967/68 he had the honour of inducting Mr Gerald Painter, Head of the Grammar School and later Upton Grammar, into membership. Mr Painter became President himself 10 years later and is still an active member. Bob will be at a Rotary conference in Plymouth on Reunion Day. He has become a new Life Member although he has played football for the Old Paludians in the past and joined the 'Paludian Players' who he says "weren't bad" – they used to stage plays at the old Town Hall in Slough High Street. Sends good wishes to all.

**Joyce Preddle** (Hobson 1929-32). Still making soup, bread etc for Tuesday lunches. Still keeping bees and "getting older".

**Good wishes from:** **Molly Page** (Sands 1921-28), **Mrs G Bennett** (Knight 1922-26), **Alfred Sands** (1925-31), **Jean Bailey** (Sands 1927-33), **Alice Lang** (Hoby 1927-33).

## **\*\*1930s\*\***

**Peter Bennett** (1930-36). Peter's "History of the Old Paludians" has progressed as far as possible, with Jean Tyler's help. We feel that still more could be added, particularly from the Girls point of view. So, if you were meaning to contribute something and never got around to it, **please** let us have any further items **now**. It is hoped there will be some draft copies available for you to read at the Reunion and then, after additions and amendments, we can present the finished product in 2000!

**George Pontin** (1931-36). Unbelievably George will be 80 this year! Sister, **Margaret Majewski**, is arranging a family reunion in August as there are 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays in the family. George met **Ian Bryant** at Christmas.

**Gabrielle Moody** (1931-37). Sends good wishes and wants to be remembered to her age group (now 80!!).

**Joan Clack** (Waite 1932-39). Says she'll miss seeing the old photos with everyone in gymslips and buttoned up collars!! Happy days! Keeping very busy and preparing to do battle with slugs and snails in the garden.

**Len Thorne** (1934-36). Uncle of **Jean Bignell** (née Climer 1939-46). High spot of 1998 was in September – two days in Paris by Concorde. Len was a WWII Spitfire pilot and got VIP treatment, being invited onto the flight deck for part of the flight and for the approach and landing at Charles de Gaulle airport. In November Len spent 2 weeks in Malta and on the return flight was invited into the cockpit for most of the journey, again including the landing – this time in Birmingham. He still keeps up his flying to aerobatics standard, Len may be visiting his daughter in Texas in March but if not, he will attend the Reunion.

**John Mabbott** (1935-41). A widower for 2½ years, is finding learning to play a church organ a considerable challenge. A lifetime pianist, he finds the addition of pedals confusing! Has a Boxer bitch who, he says, demands exercise which is good for him too. Visits Cape Town twice yearly to stay with eldest daughter plus visits to North Yorkshire (son) and Reading (daughter). Brother **Alan** still lives at Farnham Common.

**Jean Bostock** (Burnett 1936-41). Still suffering from the badly broken leg which was the result of an

accident last year. Says, remembering Miss Crawford, I have tried hard to “aim at the stars, even if you only hit the chimney pots” – as she often advised us. There have been many chimney pots damaged during the past 12 months!! (*Hence the broken leg??*)

**John Ware** (1936-41). Still working full time in his accounting practice – and enjoying it! Good wishes to all and apologies for not attending.

**Richard Ford** (1936-44). New Life Member. Used to play hockey with **Norman Reeves**, **Colin Thompson**, **Alan Mabbott**, **Tony Stevenson** and **Ron Fidler**. Good wishes to everyone.

**Derek ‘Del’ Elliott** (1937-44). Sent us a copy of a letter dated May 1946 from Mr Clarke appealing for donations for a memorial in honour of those who lost their lives in World War II. There was also a list of names of the fallen and a list of honours and awards. Mr Rogers will probably be pleased to have this for the School archives. (*If you have anything similar tucked away, please let Gwen or Valerie know.*)

**Paddy May** (1937-44). Hoping to attend but Pam is waiting to have her knee ‘redone’ any day now.

**Olive Ferguson** (Thomas 1937-45). Olive is missing the Reunion which is a very rare occurrence. She will be away on a course in Cambridge. Sends good wishes and hopes to see everyone next year.

**Paula Bone** (Richardson 1938-42). Attending the Reunion with her friend, Joyce - *see below*. Paula lost her husband in December last year. They were married for nearly 55 years.

**Joyce Egelstaff** (Walker 1938-42). Joyce’s husband, **John**, died peacefully last September after a very long illness. They had been married for 51 years and Joyce says that each year was full of happy memories which are now much treasured. John was at S.G.S. for a year or two at the beginning of the war and was a keen sportsman. The Old Paludians wish to offer sincere sympathy to both Paula and Joyce.

**Vic Benbridge** (1938-43). Vic joined the Committee at last year’s Reunion – we were seeking another male representative and he volunteered (!!!). Unfortunately he became ill during the year and has had to stand down. We should like to take this opportunity of wishing him better health and to say thank you for being willing to help. His wife **Muriel** (Cooke 1940-46) is also an Old Paludian.

**Betty Britten** (Boys 1939-42). Betty’s daughter & family will be visiting from Canada at the time of the Reunion. Sends good wishes and is pleased the Old Paludians have sufficient funds to help School projects.

**Margaret (Micki) Vale** (Flinn 1939-42). Last year cruised around India to Sri Lanka, also the Rhine and Moselle. Recently left for the Amazon. Very proud that her son was awarded the MBE in the recent New Year’s Honours.

**Betty Absolon** (Chapman 1939-45). Has had a relatively quiet year in which she appreciated being only 10 miles away from her grandson (2½) and was able to watch him develop and grow. His baby brother was born on 2 February, so now twice the pleasure is in store. Older 3 grandchildren live in Colchester so are seen less often. This summer the eldest sits GCSE. Betty looks forward to her son’s wedding in April.

**Christine Gibbons** (1939-45). Had an exciting year, the high points were being taken to Glyndebourne and, in July, representing the Townswomen’s Guild at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party – “a memorable experience”.

**Tony Stevenson** (1939-45). A ‘new’ Life Member and, another hockey player! Will be golfing in USA at the time of the Reunion – good wishes to all.

**Keith & Anita Wyatt** (Keith 1939-45; Anita Woodley 1940-46). Attended the Reunion last year for the first time. Keith played piano in the band which was based at the Community Centre Youth Club, other S.G.S. players were **John Rolls** and **John Baldwin**.

**Joyce Amoroso** (Kirtland 1939-46). Still very busy with indoor bowls! Joyce and Kit spent a week in Zurich for their youngest son’s 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in December – 75 people (family & friends) in a shooting lodge in the snow-covered forest. “Very picturesque”. James sang with the choir and the party ended at 3am. Rest of the family doing well; eldest granddaughter obtained 8 O-levels including 3A+. Awaiting eldest grandson’s marks in Art Degree. Youngest granddaughter, Macadie Jane, will be 2 this year. Eldest daughter Janet is 50 in February. Will be thinking of us on 13 March and sends best wishes.

**Jean Bignell** (Climer 1939-46). "Vegetating" in rural Lincolnshire. Enjoys watching the Red Arrows practise from the lounge window. Lives near Waddington so sees a lot of aircraft every day. Regards to all.

**Betty Foster** (Thomas 1939-46). Sadly Betty lost her husband in October. She also spent Christmas in hospital having a hip replacement. Sends greetings to all who remember her. We hope that 1999 will be a better year for her.

**Kathleen Robinson** (1939-46). Sent news of **Ian Simmons** (late 1940's) who is a Professor of Geography at Durham University. He has been awarded the Victoria Medal of the Royal Geographical Society.

**Pamela Kilpin** (Brown 1939-47). Wrote from Canada at Christmas. Still keeps in touch with **Joyce Haggerty** (Newstead). Her 4 daughters & their families are all busy people: granddaughter Kate is in her 1<sup>st</sup> year at Ottawa University. Husband Roland suffered a black-out in June '98 and now has a pacemaker. Balance problems and an arthritic knee mean that he needs a 'walker' to get around but fortunately he can still drive. Pamela sings in her Church choir & continues to collect stamps. Also spends one morning a week re-shelving books at the local library. Good wishes to all.

**New Life Member: Dennis Ridgwell** (1937-41).

**Good wishes from:** **Esmée Holloway** (Berent 1930-33), **Marjorie Cruse** (1931-35), **John Dean** (1931-37), **Margaret Black** (Sands 1932-37), **Margaret Gillett** (McGillivray 1932-37), **Hilda Halls** (Milcoy 1932-37), **Daphne Dhaliwal** (Hook 1932-39), **Jean Garwood** (Bayly 1934-42), **Mary Adams** (Harvey 1935-43), **Iris (Betty) Hull** (Burnett 1936-42), **Margaret Hall** (Bowles 1938-43), **Pamela Green** (Dear 1939-44), **Patricia Musgrove** (Foy 1939-45), **Sheila Parker** (Southwood 1939-45).

**Change of address:** **Nancy Harris** (1934-38)  
**Pamela Main** (Sheppard 1938-43)

### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**Joan Braid** (Gale 1931-34). News of her death came to us during the year. She lived in Seaford and although unable to attend the Reunions was always interested in receiving news of the School.

**Jack Corder** (c.1937-42). Jack died last September. He had worked in Slough all his life and remained living in Langley until his death. Many of the 'boys' will remember him.

**Bernice Stewart** (Portsmouth 1939-43). It was sad to hear that Bernice had died in October 1998. Bernice trained for the ballet but was too short to be a ballerina so switched to other kinds of dancing, musical comedy and tap etc. She married an entertainer and her career was cut short when she gave birth to triplets. She later became a keep fit and tap dancing teacher and was teaching in Windsor until three weeks before her death. Sadly missed by her daughters and grandchildren. Kathy and Gwen attended her funeral service and the crematorium was absolutely full with people standing downstairs as well as upstairs.

### **\*\*1940s\*\***

**John Long** (1940-44). Hopes to attend the Reunion this year. Improved a little from his stroke but still unable to drive. Still writes short stories, which he illustrates in line and wash, also draws cartoons. John was one of a band of friends of the late **Stan Jones** who did so much to rejuvenate the Old Paludians after the War. The old Dolphin Hotel was the local 'watering hole'. John married **Thelma West** in 1954 and on arriving at their honeymoon hotel in Sherborne found the signatures immediately above theirs were those of Stan Jones & another Old Paludian! All had dinner together and Stan & friend helped polish off the champagne provided by the management. Thelma's mother, **Freda née Turton** & uncle **Fred Turton** were both Old Pals, as is John's mother, **Doris Trevener** now in her nineties and in a nursing home in Ascot.

**Dawn Dudbridge** (Smith 1941-44). Sorry to miss the Reunion – going on a wine trail trip, by boat to Spain and coach through France. Still happy in Barton-on-Sea, playing golf and bowls. Family all live within 1½ hours by road. Sends kind regards to all who know her and hopes that we have a good day.

**Vernon Wardall** (1941-47). Sorry to miss the Reunion, away on vacation. Hopes to make it next year. He gave us the sad news that **Ron Sugars** died in Canada last year, just before he was due to visit Vernon.

**Audrey Bedford** (Nickless 1941-48). Will visit friends in churches in Italy after Easter and will pay a return visit to Venezuela in November. Is still a practitioner of the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. Sends good wishes.

**Kathy Clark** (Jamieson 1942-48). Our Chairman has recently moved to Hailsham in East Sussex where we hope she will be very happy. Still maintaining her links with the Old Pals. See last page for her new address.

**Colin Thompson** (1942-50). Colin is a 'new' Life Member, and, yes, another ex-hockey player!!

**Margaret Paine** (Paine 1943-48). Has now got 6 grandchildren under five, including twins, so with the house, garden, dog and elderly mother is kept busy. She swims weekly and enjoys playing Scrabble. Looks forward to a short cruise to the Scottish Islands in August. Keeps in contact with 10 classmates but would still like to hear of more. Would especially like news of **Valerie Mallin** and **Eileen Swallow**. If you can help please phone 01753 643740.

**Ann Roberts** (Brooks 1943-48). Away in New Zealand visiting her daughter and family in Napier. Sends good wishes to everyone especially **Margaret Paine**.

**Anne Letchford** (Reeves 1943-49). 1998 was a good year - holidays in Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Mauritius and Christmas in Malta which was the 1st Christmas away ever! Keeps up with WI, flower arranging, machine knitting and Bill's family history. Will miss the Reunion as she and Bill will be visiting Australia which will include meeting some newly discovered relations. Keeps in touch with **Pat Varder née Simpson** who is thinking of retiring from nursing. Pat's new granddaughter was born in December. Best wishes to all and hope to see everyone next year.

**Barry Serjent** (1943-49). Still treading the boards at East Lane Theatre Club. Old Time Music Hall in January, playing Stanley Spencer in "Stanley" by Pam Gems in April and the season ends in June with "Outside Edge" by Richard Harris.

**Annette Chant** (Pountain 1944-48). Left in January for Singapore and Australia. Sends good wishes, especially to **June Ginger née Hunt**.

**Margaret Majewski** (Pontin 1945-50). Whilst on holiday in Croatia last Easter she met old school friend **Shirley Hill née Barrett**. Small world! See below.

**Barbara Rigby** (Kent 1945-50). Barbara was a Committee member for many years and decided to stand down at last year's Reunion. We thank her for her sterling work especially for all the effort put into arranging the Memorial Service for Miss Reakes in October 1997 and we wish her well in "retirement".

**Shirley Hill** (Barrett 1945-53). Shirley has now joined the Old Paludians and will be attending the Reunion. Keeps in touch with **Shirley McClure née Ford** and has met **Joyce Amoroso** through the Spalding C.A.B.

**Malcolm Hellings** (1947-52). Looking for classmates who came to S.G.S. from Farnham Council School, especially **Malcolm Doyle** and **Geoff Butcher**. Teacher was Mrs Bristow. Tel: 01753 521186 or his e-mail address is [m.hellings@tesco.net](mailto:m.hellings@tesco.net). He put us in touch with **John Gale**.

**Peter Morris** (1947-52). New Member - looks forward to attending the Reunion for the first time.

**Peter Burgess** (1949-54). Peter is a new Life Member, he's writing a book with Dr Judith Hunter (well-known local historian) about Slough in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. If you have any old photographs of Slough, views/groups etc that could be used in the book please contact him. Time is short, printers' deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> April 1999, so if you can help please phone him on 01905 610329. He is attending the Reunion with Peter Morris. Keeps in touch with **Michael Taylor** (1947-52) in N.Z., **Roy Hussey** (1937-42) in Surrey, **Geoff Hussey** (1946-51) in Canada and **R Taylor** (1940's) in High Wycombe. He was pleased to receive **Malcolm Walden's** address in Canada and would like to get in touch with **Len Jackson** (1949-54) - in USA? & **Jeff Parker** (1949-54). Can anyone help?

**Patricia Birnage** (Smith 1949-56). We have 'found' Pat after a long search - she is attending the Reunion for the first time and has become a new Life Member. There will be lots to talk about!

**Penny Gniel** (Norcott 1949-54). Her part of South Australia (Greenock) has seen record breaking average temperatures of 36°C during January and February - the longest, hottest, driest .....!. Spends 2½ days a week as a volunteer at the Barnabus Counselling Centre running Craft sessions, doing some admin work &

helping in the library there. Rides her lovely Arab horse at least every other day and has 2 'rescue' dogs who follow her everywhere. Continues teaching calligraphy and patchwork and was interested to hear **Miss Slattery** was in Australia for she first interested Penny in calligraphy. Greetings to all the 'forty-niners' and best wishes those who remember her especially **Miss Saunderson**.

**Ann Lock** (Dickson 1949-54). Ann will also be attending the Reunion for the first time and is now a Life Member.

**Jean Pritchard** (Wisbey 1949-55). Has taught infants for 23 years, has three children and five grandchildren. Says retirement is very busy. Looks forward to meeting friends who started at S.H.S. with 50 years ago!

**Valerie Storie** (1949-55). Family history remains an abiding passion which could easily become a full-time occupation! Maintains links with W.I. and is still Secretary of the Slough Community Transport and ShopMobility scheme. Has enjoyed tracking down the forty-niners for a bumper 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Reunion this year and many thanks to those who have responded with names etc.

#### **New Life Members:**

**Jean Cartwright** (Berryman 1944-49).

**Good wishes received from:** **Doreen Wing** (Cleaver 1940-45), **John Stiff** (1940-46), **Audrey Walden** (1940-46), **Joyce Cooper** (Hearn 1941-45), **June Ginger** (Hunt 1941-47), **Ivy Bordon** (Jardine 1941-48), **Michael James** (1942-48), **Michael Limmer** (1942-48), **Molly Smith** (McKeown 1943-48), **Shirley Paintin** (Martin 1944-49), **Gillian Angell** (1945-47), **Dr Maureen Harris** (Reardon 1946-54), **Peter Dunage** (1947-49), **Anne Barnard** (Stavert 1947-51), **Philip Seal** (1947-51), **Gillian Crane** (Austin 1947-54), **Rosemarie Gillham** (Dandridge 1949-54), **Caroline Lovegrove** (Duckett 1949-55),

#### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**Pat Chambers** (Tingey 1945-51). Sadly Pat died at the beginning of this year. She was a very loyal Old Paludian and attended all the Reunions although she had severe sight problems.

**Ann Griffin** (Binks 1949-54). Ann died in November 1998 after a courageous 10-year battle against cancer. She had lived for a number of years in Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk where, as a school governor, Lay Elder and churchwarden, she was a highly respected member of the village community. She will be sadly missed.

#### **\*\*1950s\*\***

**Valerie Parkes** (Ford 1950-56). Works with young people with learning disabilities and speech disorders. Her three daughters also work in that field: Sallie teaches art, Joanne is a psychologist and Louise is an audiologist for autistic children. Has one granddaughter, Daisy Alice, who is 16 months old. Sister **Susan Gedge** sends greetings from Vancouver.

**Pamela Mackey** (Shelton-Smith 1950-56). Son Peter was married in Broxbourne, Herts in June 1998. Daughter Angela has finished PGCE course and now teaches mathematics to 11-18 year old students at The Kings School in Gloucester.

**Phil Lawrence** (1950-58). Wanted to teach French but A-level results were not good enough so made a change of direction into an engineering apprenticeship (the only Wimpey apprentice to speak Latin!!) Spent most of his working life with Leverton's at Windsor, currently a Director of a small Technical Consultancy specialising in the "Caterpillar" engine business. Married Denise (Langley Grammar) in 1968. Grown up son & daughter. Phil was a Scout in Slough in the 50's and 60's & runs the Flackwell Heath Scout group – would be pleased to hear from contemporaries, particularly those involved with the School plays in the mid 50's.

**Pamela Green** (Maton 1951-56). Sends apologies for not being able to come to this year's Reunion and good wishes to all.

**Diana Morriss** (Hammond 1951-56). Living in West Wales on a smallholding. Three children, all flown the nest. Now a keen pillion rider and with husband Geoff has toured widely through America, E. Europe and Great Britain. Good wishes for the New Year.

**Ann Reed** (Howell 1951-56) and **Valerie Henry** (1951-58) are both attending the Reunion for the first time and have become new Life Members.

**Eva Owen** (Frankl 1955-62). Joined last year and has sent addresses for her brothers **David** (1962-69) & **Michael** (1964-71).

**Celia Johns** (Nelmes 1955-62). Celia has just had a second hip replacement. She is taking part in a concert in Spalding on the Reunion evening with a rehearsal in the afternoon. Hopes to attend next year.

**Diana Davis** (King 1957-62). Coming to this year's Reunion with her sister. Has been living in Cambridgeshire for 25 years. Husband Brian took early retirement: news of their three daughters - Susie teaches in Austria, Jackie lives in N London and works in the public sector and Kelly has inherited her mother's love of music and is studying singing at the Guildhall.

**Jennifer Harris** (Stallworthy 1959-66). Jennifer has become a Life Member and has arranged her visit to England from Canada to coincide with the Reunion in order to attend. Married in 1969 and went to Zambia in 1973 until 1978 and has lived in Canada since 1979. Has a son of 27 and a daughter of 24 and *might* return to UK since they are both this side of the Big Pond.

**Vanessa Fry** (Mattingly 1959-64). Attending the Reunion for the first time in many years. Married to John, a jazz musician. Has a son Christopher who plays trombone.

**John Overton** (1959-67). John was passing by the School on Reunion Day last year when he saw **Anthony Lucas-Smith** going in and asked what he was doing. Anthony explained about the Reunion and suggested that he should come along in the afternoon. Which he did – and became a new Life Member!

**New Life Members:** **Jennifer Bryan** (Wallis 1953-60), **Edna Cleaver** (Frost 1953-58), **Robin (Buzz) Burry** (1955-61), **Doug Garner** (1956-64), **Robert Moss** (1956-64), **Howard Smith** (1956-64), **Irene Colwell** (Perrett 1957-62), and **Sandra "Sandy" Powell** (Morris 1958-65) - a new Annual Member.

**Good wishes from:** **Clive and Marjorie Toogood** (Smith, early 50's), **Pamela Robinson** (1950-55), **Pamela Green** (Maton 1951-56), **Bill Dacke** (1952-56), **Ronald & Pamela Millis** (Pywell 1952-56), **Rosemary Dickens** (Bowles 1952-58), **Alan Jervis** (1952-59), **Maureen Rouse** (1957-61), **Shelagh Rothero** (Jacques 1957-63), **Roger Columbine** (1958-65).

**Change of address:** **Ann Davis** (Whitefield 1956-63).

### ARE YOU A MILLENNIUM GOLDEN GIRL?

You are if you started at the High School in September 1950, because next year is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Do you remember our classrooms in the lower corridor? 1W - Miss White, 1S - Miss Saunderson and 1R - Miss Robertshaw.

It would be great if we could all get together again to celebrate. We need to contact all our colleagues, especially those who are not already Old Paludians. So, can you help please, by passing names and addresses to Gwen, Valerie or myself, in order that we can spread the word.

I am keen to make a special display covering the years 1950-1958, and would welcome contributions from the **Millennium Golden Girls** and others. See you next year. **Jean Tyler** (Ireland) 01628 621560

## **\*\*1960s\*\***

**Pauline Watson** (Howse 1964-71). Attended the Reunion last year for the first time – new Life Member.

**Lesley Wagg** (Ashton 1967-74). Will be celebrating her birthday at the weekend of the Reunion so cannot attend. She sends good wishes to all. Lesley stood down from the Committee last year and we take this opportunity to thank her for all her help and support over the years. We shall miss her – and her Guides!

**Paul Williams** (late 60's?). An ex-S.G.S. pupil now living in USA. He has his own record company and last year was nominated for an Emmy award. Although not a winner, it was still a tremendous achievement.

**New Life Member: Barbara Blake** (Mayo 1960-67), **Ruth Walters** (Bennett 1963-71).

**Good wishes from: Patricia Hall** (Painter 1963-70), **Mary Kiff** (Franklin 1963-70), **Laura Marshall** (Neighbour 1964-69), **Roberta "Bobbie" Stainthorp** (Sutton 1969-76).

## **\*\*1970s\*\***

**Sandy Witham** (Dale 1971-78). Recently had a brain haemorrhage so cannot drive at present. Hopes to see us next year. Best wishes from all of us for a speedy recovery.

**Janet Smith** (Shepherdson 1975-81). Hopes to attend next year, 25 years after starting, and to see others of 'the same vintage'.

**Good wishes from: Alison Duchezeau** (Bowater 1975-79), **Caroline Crampton** (Day 1975-80), **Moir White** (Brown 1975-81).



### **We've lost touch with:**

We are looking for anyone with news of the following: **Malcolm Doyle & Geoff Butler** (1947-), **Len Jackson** (1949-54) who may in USA, **Jeff Parker** (1949-54). Any news of **Valerie Mallin** and **Eileen Swallow** both 1943-48 era. Does anyone know the address of **Peter J Taylor** who left S.G.S. in 1971 and went to Oxford – Gwen has had an enquiry form from Exeter College.



### **But we've found:**

During the year we have received news of many former pupils of both the High School and Grammar School and they have all become Old Paludians – we now number nearly 600. We have letters asking for news of former classmates, addresses of classmates being sought etc – and most times we can oblige. So thank you – *and keep looking*.

We have details and addresses on file or know how to find them, so please contact Gwen or Valerie if you wish to get in touch. Likewise, if you see a familiar name and would like details, Gwen or Valerie will be pleased to help.

### **The Old Paludians:**

Chairman - Kathy Clark

Secretary - Valerie Storie

Treasurer - Gwen Gale